

Growth Through Commitment in Christ



# Church of ST. THOMAS MORE

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## Mass Schedule

### SUNDAY LITURGY

Saturday: 4:00 pm  
Sunday 8:00 & 10:00 am, 12:00 Noon

### WEEKDAY LITURGY

Monday through Friday 8:30 am

### HOLY DAYS

8:30 am, 12:15 pm, 7:30 pm  
(except Christmas & New Year)

### RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00 – 3:40 pm and by appointment

## Office Information

### Parish Office Hours

Monday – Friday 8:30 am – 4:30 pm  
Sunday (Sept. thru May) 9:00 am – 12:00 noon  
Closed Saturday and Holy Days

**PARISH OFFICE 752-2080**

### PARISH STAFF

Fr. William C. Wagner, Pastor 753-2553  
Deacon Michael Thomas 753-2549  
Deacon John Convery 753-2568  
Deacon Fred Haas 753-2569  
DRE, Becky Ready 753-2548  
Business Manager, Mike Gennett 753-2543  
Secretaries: Donna Buchheit 753-2541  
Kate Roelker 753-2550  
Gym/Multi-Purpose Building 753-2555  
Maintenance: John Osterling 753-2544  
Dave McCarthy 752-2080 Ext. 134  
Music Director, Terry V. Wenninger 753-2546  
Parish Hall/Kitchen, Vickie Ditchen 753-2558  
Prayer Requests 752-2080 Ext. 133  
Sacristy 753-2556  
St. Vincent de Paul 753-2561  
Youth Minister, Diane Brennan 753-2551

**PARISH OFFICE FAX** 753-2542  
**FINANCE OFFICE FAX** 753-2552

**SCHOOL OFFICE** 753-2540  
**SCHOOL OFFICE FAX** 753-2554  
Principal, Peg Fischer 753-2540  
School Office, Dee Archer 753-2540  
Administrative Asst., Rhonda Roberts 753-2540

### PSR (Parish School of Religion):

Religious education for public school students. Classes held on Sundays – Nursery 10-11:00 am; Pre-School 10-11 am; Grades 1-8 8:30-9:45 am; Youth Ministry 6-8 pm. Call 753-2550 for more information and to register.

**Want to be Catholic?** Call Becky Ready, DRE at 753-2548 to find out about RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults/Youth).

### SACRAMENTS

**Baptism:** 753-2550  
**Marriage:** Call Deacon John Convery 753-2568  
6 months prior to wedding date  
**Anointing of the Sick:** 753-2553  
**Communion to the Sick:** 753-2549

**BULLETIN DEADLINE:** Friday by Noon (9 Days Prior)  
Submit to Kate Roelker at [kroelker@sttm.org](mailto:kroelker@sttm.org).

*We warmly welcome new members to our parish family. Please call the Parish Office or register online at [www.sttm.org](http://www.sttm.org). If leaving the parish or moving, please notify the Parish Office of your change of address.*

## OUR *Mission*

*"We at St. Thomas More are a family of Christians led by the Holy Spirit in communion with the Roman Catholic Church. We dedicate ourselves to living the Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ. We devote ourselves to sharing our faith, strengthening family bonds, and growing in love. We commit ourselves to each other through prayer and action."*

## THE *Week* AHEAD

### Monday, January 19

#### SCHOOL & PARISH OFFICE CLOSED

7:30 pm SVDP - Fr. Wack Library

### Tuesday, January 20

6:30 pm Zumba - Fr. Heider Hall

### Wednesday, January 21

9:30 am Bible Study - Parish Dining Hall  
1:00 pm Book Club - Faith Formation Room  
7:00 pm MOMs Monthly - Faith Formation Room  
7:30 pm Evening Bible Study - Conference Room C

### Thursday, January 22

7:30 pm Men's CRHP - Library

### Friday, January 23

8:30 am School Mass  
10:00 am Adoration

### Saturday, January 24

9:00 am Clean the Church  
3:00 pm Confessions  
**7:00 pm Father/Daughter Dance - Parish Dining Hall**

### Sunday, January 25

8:30 am PSR Grades 1-8 - Fr. Heider Hall  
9:45 am Sunday Child Care – Kindergarten Room  
10:00 am Children's Liturgy - Library  
10:00 am Preschool PSR - Fr. Heider Hall  
10:00 am RCIA/RCIY  
**10:00 am CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK MASS**  
**11:00 am Distinguished Graduate Reception - Parish Dining Hall**  
6:00 pm Youth Ministry

## **FAMILY TALK - 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**GOSPEL FOCUS:** (John 1:35-42) Jesus asks us to "come and see."

**REFLECTION:** God knows each of us by our name.

**AT HOME FOR DISCUSSION:** How long will it take for us to become familiar with God?

### Prayer Intentions

**PLEASE REMEMBER IN YOUR PRAYERS:** Those who have died. Those who are ill or have asked for our prayers: Donald Blom, Joyce Dahlheimer, Henry D'Andrea, Paul Fritsch, Betty Fritsch, Peggy Payer, Uldean Cieri, Mary Rettig, Lucille Wenstrup, Megan Cash, Rose Marie Ogle, David Habig Sr., Romilda McCarty, Lois Ritter, Diane Knause, Rhea Cermak, Robert Fischer, Angela Cookson, Linda Reed, Deacon Fred Haas, Thelma Leone, Dorothy Klein, Connie Dufresne, Rita Iding, Robin Vestring, Ann Indovina, Nick Uremovich, Nick Kellerman, Tex Meranda, Jerry Barnes, Janet Myrick, Jean Doogan, Courtney Langenbahn, Dorothy Brokamp, Dave Vogelgesang, and Verna Burnet. **Those who are serving in the Armed Forces:** Michael Hucker Jr., Derek Archer, Aaron Muldoon, Corey Campbell, Danny Braun, Michael Nazarovech, Randy Damron, Adam Wenstrup and Tom Brannen, who is serving in the Peace Corps.



### THANK YOU!

Dear Fr. Bill and St. Thomas More Parishioners,  
Thank you for all your support for our Hope Emergency Program this holiday season (**Project Merry Christmas from Advent Giving Tree**). We were able to distribute Christmas gifts to **1,000+** children this year because of your generosity and other generous folks like you.

Please know that you are in our prayers of thanksgiving and may you be richly blessed throughout 2009 by the God who makes all our giving possible.

Gratefully,  
Sr. Sandy Bates,osu and Sr. Lucia Castellini,osu

*Thank You*

**A BIG THANK YOU** to Bing Robinson, who not only supplies, but with his helpers, put up the outside Christmas lights. Bing has been supplying St. Thomas More Parish with the outside lights for many years. Not only does it add to our enjoyment of the Christmas season, but also makes the parish property stand out in the neighborhood! **Many thanks to Bing and his helpers!**

### Youth Ministry

**ROC YOUTH MINISTRY:** No meeting Jan. 18. Next meeting will be Sunday, January 25.

**CONGRATULATIONS:** to our newest **Eagle Scouts** - Adam Gallivan and very soon to be, Scott Diebel.



Please help support the following boys, who will be working on their Eagle projects next - **Travis Gallivan** and **Brian Burke**.

Readings for: January 25 – 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10  
Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31  
Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

### Faith Formation

#### UPCOMING DATES:

- Jan. 21 – New Monthly Prayer Service
- Jan. 21 – Mom's Monthly
- Feb. 7 & 8 – Women's CRHP
- Feb. 12 – Confirmation Session #2
- Feb. 19 – First Communion Prep Session
- Feb. 21 & 22 – Men's CRHP
- Feb. 25 – Ash Wednesday

**NEW! MONTHLY PRAYER SERVICE:** Beginning on Wednesday, January 21, you are invited to join us at 6:30 pm in the church as we pray the rosary monthly for personal, parish, country and world concerns. To pray the rosary means nothing else than to find a way to be with Jesus and Mary. When we are linked with them by such meetings, then we can claim the joy of victory over death and sin. To recite the rosary does not mean to hide oneself somewhere in a corner and to live far from the world and life. It means to prepare oneself for one's own and other people's crosses, the way Jesus and Mary carried them. We look forward to many joining us on this third Wednesday every month of the year. By joining together in prayer monthly, we are assured of "doing the right thing" individually and as a community as well as progressing leaps and bounds in our spiritual lives.

**CONFIRMATION PREP SESSION:** On February 12, at 7 pm in the Parish Dining Hall we will gather for our second preparation session with candidates and our parent facilitators. Remember to have part two of your "**Have Faith**" book read and discussed with your sponsor. Also your lifelong journal is due that evening.

**IN CASE OF SNOW AND ICE: NOTE:** If we should cancel PSR due to inclement weather, we will call "School Watch" and that will be reported on channel 12, 700 WLW-AM, 55KRC-AM, Mix 94.1 FM, KISS 107.1 FM, FOX 92.5 FM and also channel 5. It will also be listed on their websites: [www.wkrc.com](http://www.wkrc.com) and [www.wlwt.com](http://www.wlwt.com).



### Parish Information

**JULYFEST JACKPOT:** Don't forget to purchase your JulyFest Jackpot tickets. Tickets are \$20 each. Every Monday, beginning on March 2, 2009 and continuing through Feb. 28, 2010, 5 tickets will be drawn; each winning ticket will be awarded a prize amount of \$40. On the first Monday of each month an additional ticket will be drawn for a \$250 prize. On June 22, 2009 and Nov. 22, 2009 there will be an additional drawing for \$1,000. If all 2,000 tickets are NOT sold, the prizes will be proportionately reduced. To purchase tickets please call 752-2080 Ext. 124. **PLEASE NOTE THIS DOES NOT REPLACE THE JULYFEST GRAND RAFFLE.**



**ANNUAL WORLD CELEBRATION OF MARRIAGE:** takes place on Saturday, February 14. All married couples of the parish are welcome. The cost for the evening is \$35.00 per couple (which needs to be paid in advance). This includes drinks, hors d'oeuvres, a delicious dinner prepared by Chef Vickie and dancing. Those who have celebrated their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and 60<sup>th</sup> anniversaries in 2008, are complimentary. The guest speaker will be Deacon Bob Fey. Music will be provided by Joe Bryant, *back by popular demand*. If you are interested in joining us for an enjoyable evening, contact Kate at 752-2550 or [kroelker@stm.org](mailto:kroelker@stm.org) by February 2, 2009.

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**THE SCHOOL & PARISH OFFICE WILL BE  
CLOSED MONDAY, JAN. 19, IN OBSERVENCE  
OF MARTIN LUTHER KING DAY**  
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### Parish Stewardship

	Actual	Budget
January 11, 2009:	\$13,573.48	\$13,000.00
YTD:	\$461,372.72	\$463,000.00
YTD Collection <i>Under Budget</i> :		\$1,627.28
502 Envelopes Returned Sunday Jan. 11:		\$12,724.00
Loose Change Jan. 11:		\$849.48
<b>OTHER COLLECTION:</b>		
Outstanding Debt:	\$926,549.99	
Unpaid Interest on Debt:	<u>\$545,367.06</u>	
Total Due Archdiocese:	<u>\$1,471,917.06</u>	

**EXPENSES:**

Payroll & Taxes Paid 1/15/09	\$45,344.76
Total Expenses Paid week ending 1/10/09	\$38,202.89
Notable Expenses Paid:	
Debt & Interest	\$8,333.33
Pension - Quarterly	\$14,777.81

**REMEMBER ST. THOMAS MORE PARISH IN YOUR WILL!**

### Liturgical Ministers

**Saturday, January 24**

4:00 pm **Lectors** – Duane Bradley, Sam Geonetta  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Jane Pearce, Dennis Lahey, Donald Weber, Jenny Barnes, Richard Schuler, Lisa Miller, Michelle Emerling  
**Servers** – Jena Molitor, Anthony Luster, Olivia Witt, Gabrielle Quesnell, Nicole Piening  
**Greeters** – Gail Convery, Char Schworer, Jerry Edwards  
**Ushers** – Jerry Barnes, Gene Johnson, Don Tate

**Sunday, January 25**

8:00 am **Lectors** – Gregory Snodgrass, Jerry Philpot  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Charlotte Molitor, Dianna Kennedy, Vickie Ditchen, Diane Meisman, Michele Lamping, Thomas Brannen, Patricia Rieck  
**Servers** – Christopher Feist, Caroline Dugan, Sean McNamara, Benjamin Schmidt, Lauren Lamping  
**Greeters** – Steve Friebele, Helen Fehn, Sylvia Guthrie  
**Ushers** – Joe Guertin, Bill Imbus, George Hoffman, Paul Guertin

10:00 am **Lectors** – Lisa Hartman, Charles Randolph  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Patricia Tussey, Estelle Wolfe, Penny Barton, Tim McGrath, Ray Neltner, Tom Kiefer, Margaret Pangburn  
**Servers** – Rachel McGrath, Jennifer Foltz, Brian Rastani, Holly Ortalano, Allie Kamphaus  
**Greeters** – Sandra Bishop, Ray Neltner, Rachel Neltner  
**Ushers** – Lynn Austin, Joe Thumann, Lee Knause, Joanne Buchanan

12:00 pm **Lectors** – Jacqueline Moore, Barbara Hammond  
**Eucharistic Ministers** – Deacon, Gloria Saliceti, Mary Brock, Jim O'Donnell, Patricia Tekulve, Chelsea Ritter, Megan Farwick, Melissa Kellerman  
**Servers** – Sarah White, Michele Cabell, Becky Kellerman, Michael Mink, Adam Vickers  
**Greeters** – Dee Archer, Laurie Bagley, Rosemary Weimer  
**Ushers** – Gary Lambert, Frank Brunet, Charlie Tekulve

### Mass Intentions

**MON. 1/19**

8:30 am Communion Service

**TUES. 1/20**

8:30 am † Bernice Wilmers/George & Doris Steinmetz

**WED. 1/21**

8:30 am † Howard Diemler/Elva Atkinson

**THUR. 1/22**

8:30 am † Philip Kautzman, Sr/Florence Fries

**FRI. 1/23**

8:30 am † Helen Ostmann/Sandy Mygatt

**SAT. 1/24**

4:00 pm † Antonette Iannelli/Josephine McCarthy

**SUN. 1/25**

8:00 am † Martin Cox/Diane Motz & Family

10:00 am † Mary Harrison/Carole Hinton

12:00 pm People of the Parish

† = Deceased

### School Events

**STM OPEN HOUSE:** Prospective new students and families are invited to see what our school offers during our classroom tours between 6-7 pm and then see a sample of our fine arts programs in the gym from 7-8, on Thurs. Jan 29. Student art work will be on display and our students from grades 5-8 will provide a musical interlude with instrumental and vocals. Don't miss it!

**FATHER/DAUGHTER SNOW BALL:** Join us for an enchanted evening set in a magical Winter Wonderland on Saturday, January 24, from 7-10:00 pm. Contact Julie Beattie at [julietb@fuse.net](mailto:julietb@fuse.net) or 753-3073 for more details.

### Miscellaneous

**GREAT VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITY:** Catholic Charities is looking for several dependable part-time volunteers to serve as receptionists in the downtown Cincinnati office. Duties include answering the phone and greeting visitors. Three to four hour shifts, two or three days per week. Pleasant, comfortable atmosphere. Convenient to Metro. Travel reimbursement and free parking available. Contact the RSVP program. Phone (513)241-7745 or email [rsvp@CatholicCharitiesSWO.org](mailto:rsvp@CatholicCharitiesSWO.org)

**DONATIONS NEEDED! ARTS AND CRAFTS! HELP!** Crafty people needed for "McNick at Night", Archbishop McNicholas High School's "FUNdraising" event and auction of the year. This special event raises much-needed funds for scholarship aid and school operations. We need handmade or decorated items for the home, garden or holidays...anything sewn (quilts, pillows, blankets, scarves) embroidered (pillowcases, totes, clothing), painted (canvas chairs, picture frames, memo boards, furniture) or decorated. Perhaps something with "McNicholas", "McN" or rockets, in green, gold and white?! Let your creativity run free! All donations gratefully accepted. Please contact Libby Hunt at 231-1652, [mooz1@fuse.net](mailto:mooz1@fuse.net) or Monica Cooper at 575-0570, [monicoop2562@yahoo.com](mailto:monicoop2562@yahoo.com).



**ST. BERNADETTE MARDI GRAS:** will be held on Sat. Feb. 7, 2009 in the St. Bernadette gym. The evening includes: Authentic Cajun dinner, music, dancing, mask, beads and drinks. The Cajun Menu consists of: Fried turkey, gumbo, jambalaya, corn mach chaux, green beans, potato salad, French bread & King Cake. Cost: \$70 per couple or \$35 per individual. For more information call 943-0890 or 553-1995.